people, under the terms of the Tydings-McDuffie Act, of a permanent constitution for their government. This admirable document, with its guaranties of representative government and freedom for the individual citizen, is eloquent proof of the success of our policies and the soundness of our political faith.

Under the stipulation of the Tydings-McDuiKe Act, by voting the adoption of this Constitution, the Filipino people themselves definitely and freely decided the matter of independence. This Act was fundamentally a product of the political idealism and unselfishness of the American people. It was the generous act of a generous people. If some adjustments should appear desirable to alleviate unnecessary hardships, we may be confident that the American Congress will not refuse to consider them. With full warning, however, and understanding of the inconvenience and risk and hardship that may be entailed by their separation from the United States, the Filipino people have definitely and gladly assumed the conditions and responsibilities and have adhered to the course that leads ultimately to full sovereignty and independence.

America has kept faith with her political principles and has been true to her origins. Putting aside considerations of empire and self-interest, with deep understanding of the strong yearning of a people for political freedom, acknowledging the right of a people to self-determination when supported by demonstrated understanding of constitutional self-government and evidence of capacity to sustain it, the United States has accepted the decision that has been made here, and is prepared to surrender its trusteeship. In good time this will be done.

Material progress is dearly bought and of little worth when obtained at the price of exploitation and suppression of a people's patrimony and liberty and their individual initiative. The record of America cannot be told merely in terms of public revenues and economic production. Things more precious in the life of a people are the preservation of racial integrity and culture, the enlargement of human liberty, the cultivation of a spirit of adventure and initiative. Those priceless qualities, so essential in the building of

a nation, have been permitted to grow and flourish by the liberal and farseeing policies that have guided the administration of Philippine affairs by American authorities. With these elements of character and mutual toleration of differences in religious faith, aided by a favorable geographical grouping and freedom from deep racial conflicts, the